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SUBJECT:BOYCOTTS/REFUSALS TO DEAL BASED ON NATIONAL ORIGIN

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1. IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT ELTA ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES LIMITED OF ASHDOD, ISRAEL HAS REQUESTED DECLARATION BY PROSPECTIVE U.S. CONTRACTOR THAT CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYEE'S RELATIVES "ARE NOT OF ARAB ORIGIN." (IDENTITY OF U.S. FIRM IS PROTECTED BY CONFIDENTIALITY OF REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1969.) FYI: U.S. FIRM REPORTING REQUEST HAS INDICATED REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH ELTA REQUEST WHICH RELATES TO WORK FOR ISRAELI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. END FYI.

2. PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 20, 1975 (REPORTED REFTTEL), REPORTS PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO DIRECT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TO AMEND REGULATIONS (A) TO PROHIBIT U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPORTERS AND RELATED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS FROM ANSWERING

OR COMPLYING IN ANY WAY WITH BOYCOTT REQUESTS THAT WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS OR FIRMS ON BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX OR NATIONAL ORIGIN AND (B) TO REQUIRE REPORT OF ANY SUCH BOYCOTT REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM GOI THAT REPORTED REQUEST BY ELTA IS CONTRARY TO U.S. POLICY OPPOSING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS OR FIRMS ON BASIS OF NATIONAL ORIGIN, AS REAFFIRMED BY PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 20.

4. THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE WE HAVE SEEN OF APPARENT COMMERCIAL/EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION BY ISRAEL AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS ON BASIS OF NATIONAL ORIGIN. WE ASSUME GOI DOES NOT SANCTION ELTA ACTION OR OTHER ACTS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS OR FIRMS WHICH HAVE AS THEIR BASIS THE NATIONAL ORIGIN OF U.S. CITIZENS. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST THAT GOI APPROACH ELTA AND TAKE OTHER STEPS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ASSURE THAT DISCRIMINATION ON BASIS OF NATIONAL ORIGIN IS ENDED AND DOES NOT RECUR.

5. PLEASE REPORT ON GOI RESPONSE/ACTIONS. KISSINGER

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